

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ILO PLAB  
SUBJECT: US MEMBERSHIP IN ILO

REF: STATE 209312 AND TUNIS 5968

1. DURING TALK SEPT. 9 WITH TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB CHATTY, PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED IN STATE REFTEL, I EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GOT VIEWS ON US MEMBERSHIP IN ILO AND ITS SUPPORT OF EC-9 INITIATIVE. I REVIEWED DIFFICULT REASSESSMENT OF US POSITION NOW UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON AND GENERALLY MADE OTHER POINTS OUTLINED IN STATE REFTEL.

2. CHATTY ASSURED ME THAT TUNISIA VERY SINCERELY HOPES US WILL FIND A WAY TO REMAIN IN ILO. HE ADDED HIS REGRET THAT SOME DOUBT MAY HAVE BEEN CAST ON GOT'S VIEW BY UNHAPPY COINCIDENCE THAT MAIN STICKING POINT IN JUNE ILO CONFERENCE HAD TO BE A REPORT INVOLVING ISRAELI-ARAB RELATIONS. ON ANY SUCH ISSUE, HE SAID, GOT COULD NOT BE THE ONLY ARAB STATE TO BREAK A UNITED FRONT.

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3. WHEN I PASSED ON DEPT'S HOPE THAT FRIENDS LIKE TUNISIA WOULD HELP CLEAR THE AIR FOR US BY FORMAL STATEMENTS OR DEMARCHE CONCERNING WAYS TO MAKE PROGRESS, HE ASKED WHAT THE TIME ELEMENT WAS IF CABINET-LEVEL DELIBERATIONS WERE TO BE INFLUENCED. WHEN I REPLIED "EARLY NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST, BUT THE SOONER THE BETTER", HE MADE A WRITTEN NOTE, SAYING HE WOULD SEE WHAT TUNISIA MIGHT DO.

4. I TOOK THIS OCCASION TO INFORM THE GOT THROUGH CHATTY  
THAT WE WOULD BE CONVENING OUR AFRICA/LATIN AMERICA LABOR  
ATTACHE CONFERENCE IN TUNIS SEPT. 26 - 29, HE EXPRESSED  
HIS PLEASURE, HOPED THAT AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REP. IRVING BORWN  
WOULD ATTEND AND ASKED ME TO CONVEY FONDEST REGARDS TO  
BROWN WHOM HE HAS KNOWN SINCE "WELL BEFORE INDEPENDENCE".  
HE REGRETTED THAT HE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR THE  
UNGA THEN, BUT HOPED THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.  
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